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SUBJECT: TFI201: ITALY TO DEPLOY FIELD HOSPITAL TO BAGHDAD  
IN 10 TO 15 DAYS

REF: ROME 1646

CLASSIFIED BY: A/DCM TOM COUNTRYMAN, REASONS 1.5 B, D.

[1](#)1. (U) THIS CABLE CONTAINS ACTION REQUESTS. PLEASE SEE  
PARAGRAPH 4.

[1](#)2. (C) LATE APRIL 17 ECONOFF RECEIVED A READOUT ON THE LATEST  
MEETING OF THE GOI IRAQ TASK FORCE MEETING FROM ITS DEPUTY  
COORDINATOR, LUIGI MACCOTTA. MACCOTTA SAID THAT THE TASK  
FORCE DECIDED TO DEPLOY WITHIN 10 TO 15 DAYS A MODULAR,  
100-BED FIELD HOSPITAL PROVIDED BY THE ITALIAN RED CROSS.  
THE HOSPITAL WILL BE STAFFED BY APPROXIMATELY 72 PEOPLE AND  
BE COMPRISED OF 27 TENT UNITS COVERING A SURFACE AREA OF  
BETWEEN 7 AND 10,000 SQUARE METERS. THE GOI INTENDS TO  
DEPLOY THE HOSPITAL TO THE AREA BETWEEN THE AL NOUMAN GENERAL  
HOSPITAL AND THE KHADIMIA PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL (NEAR SADDAM  
CITY). THE GOI INTENDS FOR THE HOSPITAL TO BE SENT BY  
ITALIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT DIRECTLY TO BAGHDAD AND BE  
PROTECTED BY A COMPLEMENT OF 50 TOSCANIA TROOPS (AIRBORNE  
BRIGADE).

[1](#)3. (C) ON APRIL 22, THE GOI WILL SEND A TECHNICAL TEAM TO  
CONDUCT ASSESSMENTS IN IRAQ WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING  
FUTURE PROJECTS FOR THE TASK FORCE TO UNDERTAKE. THE TEAM  
WILL BE COMPRISED OF TWO MEDICAL EXPERTS, A CHEMICAL EXPERT,  
AND THREE ENGINEERS SPECIALIZING, RESPECTIVELY, IN  
INFRASTRUCTURE, ROADS, AND WATER/SANITATION. THIS TEAM WILL  
BE SENT TO KUWAIT CITY ON ITS WAY TO IRAQ. COORDINATION WITH  
ORHA AND DART IS BEING HANDLED BY ITALY'S AMBASSADOR PARTI IN  
KUWAIT.

[1](#)4. (C) COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTS. THE GOI TASK FORCE HAS  
CLEARLY SEIZED ON OUR HOSPITAL REQUEST TO SWING INTO ACTION.  
BY SENDING THEIR OWN EVALUATION TEAM, THE GOI IS SHOWING THAT  
IT WILL NOT WAIT FOR INPUT ON NEEDS THAT IT CAN MOBILIZE TO  
MEET. MACCOTTA SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT THE 50 TROOPS BEING  
SENT TO PROTECT THE HOSPITAL WOULD NEED TO COORDINATE WITH  
AND BE COMPLEMENTED BY CENTCOM PATROLS IN THE ZONE WHERE THE  
HOSPITAL WILL BE LOCATED. POST REQUESTS ANY GUIDANCE THAT  
WOULD FACILITATE THIS COORDINATION OR OTHER LOGISTICAL  
REQUIREMENTS FOR A SMOOTH DEPLOYMENT TO BAGHDAD WITHIN THE 10  
DAY WINDOW NOTED. SPECIFICALLY, PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THE  
GOI-PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE FIELD HOSPITAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO  
CENTCOM. END COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTS.

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